

The Free Press.

CITY AND VICINITY.

The church choir are busy rehearsing music for Thanksgiving.

The coal dealers are about the only persons who gladly welcome the cold spells.

The street department force is mostly engaged in cleaning the gutters ready for winter.

The moderate weather naturally makes the dealers in winter clothing look depressed.

The new sidewalk in front of the government property has been completed and it is a great improvement.

There are eighteen patients at present in the Mary Fletcher hospital, fifteen of whom are charity patients.

There was a large crowd of interested spectators down at the depot to welcome the street cars Saturday afternoon.

The Association polo team expect to go to Montpelier about Thanksgiving to play a return game with the Golden Fleece team.

Some of our coal dealers are somewhat behind on their winter's supply of coal, it having been extremely difficult to secure ransp ortation.

Quite a number of subscribers have already been secured for the district messenger system and the prospects are good for a large exchange.

A prominent business man says that business is improving and that trade is considerably stronger here than it was at a corresponding period last year.

Those who have fruit trees and are bothered with leaves in their yards will be interested to learn that, when rotted, leaves make the best kind of mulching.

Negotiations are in progress for the presentation at Bristol of the Thoreau entertainment recently given in this city and at Shelburn, by talent from this city.

A leading grocer says that the crop of Florida oranges promises to be unusually large, and those already received are of superior quality. They sell for fifty cents a dozen.

A chime of three bells have arrived at Winooski for St. Francis Xavier church. They will be placed in the tower this week and the consecration services will take place next Sunday.

The new pipe organ of the Berean Baptist church is being put in, and the Baptist members are more than pleased with it. The dedicatory services are expected to take place the latter part of the week.

The weather-wise are already making predictions regarding the approaching winter, and assert the snowfall during the season will be light owing to the large precipitation of rain since spring.

Two carloads of iron for the new bridge at Winooski had arrived Wednesday morning and the contractors say that the rest of the iron will be shipped soon and work upon the bridge pushed as rapidly as possible.

The pension board, consisting of Drs. A. P. Grinnell and H. H. Atwater of this city and L. C. Butler of Essex, was in session Wednesday at the assessors' room. They examined fifteen applicants for pensions.

The funeral of Rev. Father O'Brien, the Redemptorist who gave a retreat in this city to the priests last September, was held in Boston Thursday. Father O'Brien died on Saturday last at Belcher's Mills, Md., of apoplexy of the heart.

Col. W. L. Greenleaf, department commander G. A. R., has issued a general order that, as a mark of respect to the late Gen. George B. McClellan, all Post flags and emblems in this department be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Society clubs seem to be the order of the day. The Aurora club has just been formed with thirty members. Both sexes are represented and about half of the members are married people. The club will meet every two weeks at the residences of the members.

Young men who intend to make holiday presents to their lady friends, and vice versa, will be interested to learn that Christmas cards will not be "carried" this season but all sorts of pretty knick knacks and ornaments with a holiday quotation tucked on somewhere.

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to prepare. The young people, and not a few of their elders, will look forward with expectancy to the second in the series.

The ladies of the Methodist church, whose names begin with M. to R. inclusive, gave a very pleasant sociable at the church parlors Wednesday night.

The attendance was good and all present seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost. Before the refreshments were served a short musical programme was presented, the numbers of which were finely rendered. Refreshments, including ice cream and cake, were then done justice to after which a pleasant social time was enjoyed. The sociable was a success in every respect.

While Joel W. Thomas, engineer at the city pump house, was shutting down a window about 4 1/2 o'clock Monday afternoon, preparatory to going home, he got his arm caught at the wrist in the window and in some manner the glass cut two of the main arteries. He went to Dr. Colvin's office but did not find him in and sat down outside to wait for him. He was here noticed by City Treasurer Weller, who took him to Dr. H. A. Crandall's office. Drs. Land and Wheeler were summoned to assist in dressing the wound. Either had to be administered and the wounded man was in a critical condition when last heard from.

Prof. A. P. Grinnell has been invited to fill the chair of professor of the practice of medicine at the Long Island college hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y. The position was formerly filled by Prof. Arner, for many years dean of the faculty of that institution and one of the best known medical teachers in the country, who died in the latter part of October last. This college is one of the leading medical institutions of the country and the invitation to Prof. Grinnell is a just recognition of his eminent ability as well as a compliment to our medical college with which he has been so long connected. We understand that he has not as yet decided to accept the position.

A new way has been devised by the post-office department for the transportation of registered mail matter, and all registered packages will in a short time be put in canvas sacks which is put inside of the larger mail sack. The inner-registered sacks are of three sizes, to be used according to the amount of matter to be sent. The smallest size is a foot wide and two feet long, and the largest nearly two feet wide and three long with an intermediate size. The sacks are white with wide stripes of red running lengthwise. Their use will result in a great saving to the mail agent on the train as the registered matter is at present taken to the train separate from the other mail and handed to the agent, who must give a receipt for it. Postmaster Derby has received orders to begin the use of the inner-registered sack November 25.

The remains of the late Curtis E. Foster arrived in this city Thursday morning accompanied by Mr. John E. Hall and Miss Emma J. Brown, both of whom are members of the family with whom he resided. The casket, with the great profusion of flowers which accompanied it, was taken at once to the residence of Mr. James A. Sheild, where the funeral services were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Dr. Hawes of the First church, officiated and the services included the reading of scripture prayer and two hymns which were sung by the choir of the First church. The floral offerings were among the finest ever seen on a similar occasion in this city, including a great variety of hand-some designs. One of the most beautiful of these was from his fellow salesmen in Lynn, consisting of a large pillow, nearly three feet square, the ground work of which was a mass of ivy and ferns. At each corner there were bunches of pink and yellow roses with large bows of white satin, and the center was a large white chrysanthemum, the strings of which were purple everlasting. At the foot of the pillow the word "Rest" was worked in purple everlasting. Another strikingly handsome design was a broken wreath of white chrysanthemum, pink and red roses, and white rose buds intermingled with smilax and ferns, and the center surrounded by the wreath of a white chrysanthemum, the strings of which were purple everlasting. At the foot of the pillow the word "Rest" was worked in purple everlasting.

Prof. Barbour, the City Engineer, has been making a preliminary survey for a proposed new street between Willard and North Union streets. It will be sixty feet wide and will divide the block about midway, striking Willard street a short distance north of the residence of James Peck.

Dr. A. P. Grinnell of this city will deliver a short series of free lectures to ladies upon the subject of Digestion and the Digestive Organs. These lectures are given under the department of hygiene and heredity of the W. C. T. U. The first lecture of the series will be